

Question & Answer:

Q: True or false:

Nearly 6,000 pedestrians are killed every year.

A: True! According to the U.S Department of Transportation, approximately 6,000 pedestrians are killed every year.

Q: What are the age groups of pedestrians who are involved in these fatalities?

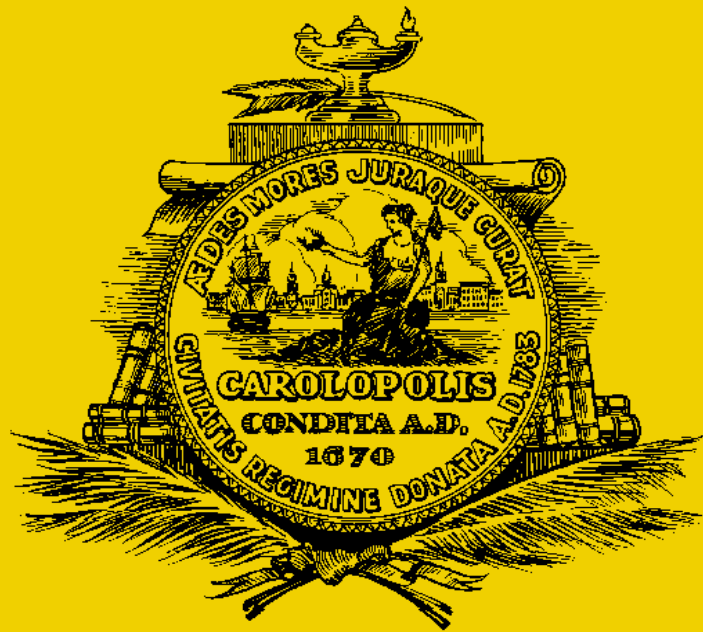
A: 58 % are working adults, 23 % are elderly (ages 65 and older) and 19 % are young children (up to the age of 19). [U.S. DOT]

Q: How does alcohol contribute to the problem?

A: Over 1/3 of all pedestrian fatalities involved pedestrians who had been drinking. [U.S. DOT]

Remember!

*Traffic signals and crosswalks do not stop vehicles! The WALK symbol only indicates that it is your **TURN** to cross the street, not that it is **SAFE** to.*



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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROGRAM

Information for Pedestrians

TAKE HEED

BEFORE

YOU

PROCEED!



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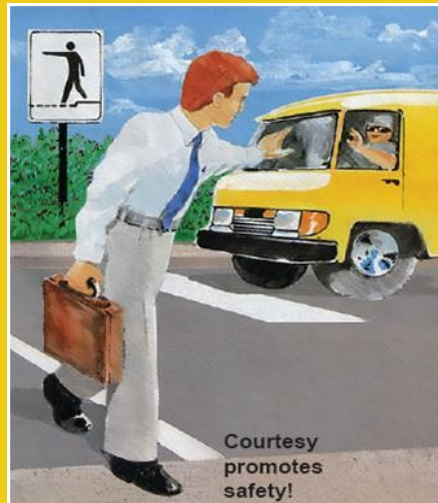
1. Crosswalks are there to help you...let them!

- Be sure to always cross the road at a marked crosswalk. NEVER cross in the middle of the road.
- Always come to a complete stop at the curb before attempting to cross. If a traffic signal is present, be aware of its symbols and obey them.



- When the *walk* symbol is shown, you may proceed with caution.
- When the flashing hand is shown, finish crossing if you have begun to. Sometimes the *flashing hand* has a countdown with it. This is good: it lets you know just how much time you have left to cross!
- If the *steady hand* is shown, do not attempt to cross the street. Be patient and wait until your next turn to cross.

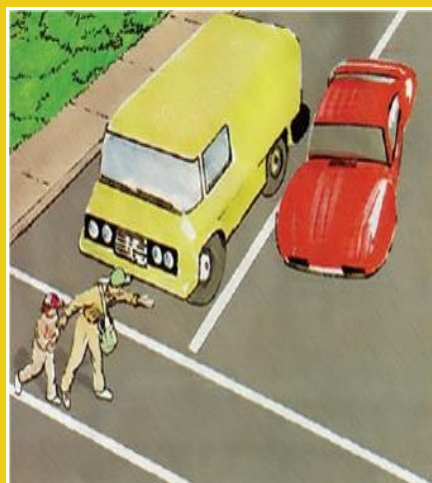
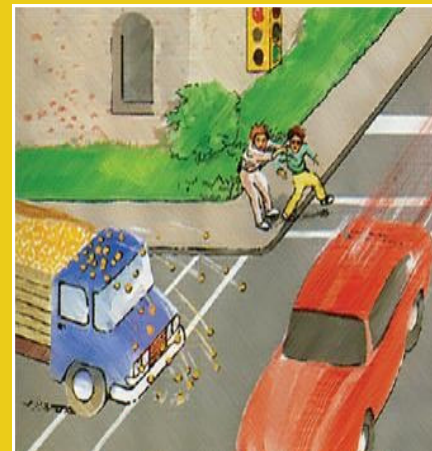
2. Be cautious of drivers who may not be aware of you!



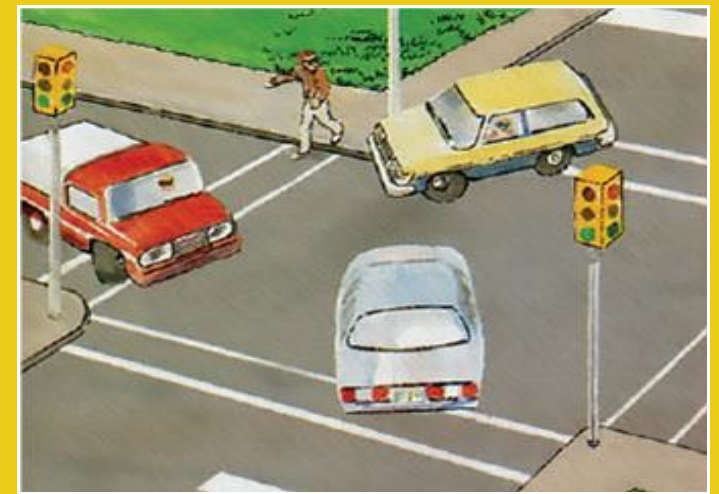
- Making eye contact with drivers and giving a friendly wave is a great way to promote safety. Doing so lets drivers know that you see them and also lets you know that they see you too!

3. A Pedestrian is no match for a moving vehicle! Watch out!

- Always look both ways before crossing even when it is your turn to cross. Some drivers fail to obey traffic signals!



- Be sure to look before you step past a car that has stopped. The car beside them may not!



- Be aware of cars that are turning. Always make sure that the driver sees you before you proceed. Make eye contact, smile and wave!

Remember These Tips:

STOP!

Always stop on the curb before crossing!

LOOK!

Look both ways before crossing. Never assume that the driver sees you!

WAVE!

Communicate with drivers. Make eye contact, smile and wave!